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# THE EDGECLIFF

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## COLLEGIANS ENLIST IN ANTI-SMUT CRUSADE

### Formal Dance To Highlight Yule Season

At most schools students take advantage of the Christmas vacation to get as far away from the atmosphere of school and study as possible. Here at Our Lady of Cincinnati the situation is quite different. The students return to the campus the night after Christmas for their annual Yuletide formal.

The scene of this gala affair is McAuley Hall which is decked out for the occasion in holly, cedar, and the indispensable sprig of mistletoe. Twinkling candles and burning logs join forces to give an atmospheric touch to the setting.

#### Many Guests Expected

Vic Adkins and his ten-piece orchestra will furnish the music for those gaily clad ladies and their black coated squires who will swing and sway before McAuley's mirrored walls.

Invitations to this holiday event have been sent to faculty members and to graduate students, as well as to students at Notre Dame, Fordham, Holy Cross, John Carroll, University of Dayton, and the University of Cincinnati to come, to see, and to be seen. Attractive souvenir programs are in the offing. Christmas finery will be very much in evidence and from a fashion flash that has just been issued, many a new gown will make its debut.

#### Grand March

Come the Cinderella hour the Grand March will be led by Margaret Ann Heimann, College Club president, with the entire company joining in the circuit around the Christmas tree.

Miss Heimann, the general chairman of the dance, and her committee members ask all to say a short prayer that snow (a moderate amount of it) will fall to lend the final touch to the occasion.

. . . to Men of GOOD WILL



—Photo by Murset.

And all kings of the earth shall adore him: all nations shall serve him.

For he shall deliver the poor from the mighty: and the needy that had no helper.

He shall spare the poor and

needy and he shall save the souls of the poor.

He shall redeem their souls from usuries and iniquity: and their names shall be honourable in his sight.

Let his name be blessed for evermore: his name continueth

before the sun.

And in him shall the tribes of the earth be blessed: all nations shall magnify him.

And blessed be the name of his majesty for ever: and the whole earth shall be filled with his majesty.—(Psalm 71).

### Join Drive For Decent Literature

Participation of Catholic college and university students of Cincinnati in the National Organization for Decent Literature will be developed at a meeting of school representatives at the Fenwick after the Christmas vacation.

Our Lady of Cincinnati College recently took the lead in suggesting the formation of a college-university unit in the diocesan campaign against lewd literature. This action of The Edgecliff editors was prompted by the prominent part given a discussion of the NODL in the scholastic press conference held at O. L. C. last spring.

#### Meeting At Fenwick

College students were also represented at an important meeting held last week at the Fenwick where the Rev. John E. Kuhn, archdiocesan director of the NODL campaign, met with parochial delegates and Knights of Columbus leaders.

The diocesan delegates heard a summary of plans made by the college-university group, while Father Kuhn paid tribute to the students for planning to participate.

Read the editorial, "Fit to Print?" on Page 2. Tell your friends, talk about it at home.

Delegates from Xavier University, Mt. St. Joseph College and O. L. C. attended the first meeting of the scholastic unit on the O. L. C. campus early this month. Msgr. Cletus A. Miller, a member of the diocesan executive board of the ODL and chairman of its coordinating council, described the widespread publication of indecent literature and successful efforts made in other dioceses to purge news stands and lending libraries.

Student delegates, comprising for the most part members of the (Continued on Page 3)

## THEATRE UNIT ESTABLISHED

Our Lady of Cincinnati College has been chosen as the site of the first Blackfriars' Guild, a national Catholic dramatic organization, in this part of Ohio. Guild officers, including two O. L. C. faculty members and an alumna, are planning to stage their first venture in the school's new auditorium soon after the first of the year.

The guild unit is not connected officially with the school, its promoters merely having accepted the invitation of the Religious Sisters of Mercy to locate the organization at Edgecliff where theatre facilities will be available on a more economical scale than in the downtown area.

More than 100 persons have already signed application cards for admission into the guild.

Among the officers are the

Rev. Alfred G. Stritch, history professor, who has been named moderator; Robert L. Otto, journalism teacher, who has been chosen program director, and Mis Rita Riesenber, alumna, who is house chairman.

Other officers include: Arthur J. Conway, Cincinnati manufacturer, president; William J. Damarell, attorney, first vice president; Mrs. Earl J. Winter, second vice president; Miss Maureen Jansen, who studied at the Schuster-Martin School of the Drama, secretary; Mrs. Mark A. Theissen, treasurer; Joseph Kaffer, who constructed sets for the Edgecliff Players, college dramatic group, stage manager; Miss Margaret L. Whitehead, Mt. St. Joseph alumna, public relations committee chairman, and Mrs.

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## Carols Open Yule Festivities

Celebration of the joyous season commemorating the birth of Christ was officially opened tonight at the college with the annual carol program under the direction of Professor John J. Fehring, archdiocesan supervisor of music.

Wearing scholastic cap and gown and bearing lighted tapers, the singers marched in procession to the auditorium where the program was presented. Before an audience of several hundred persons a selection of traditional carols was presented. The Choric Speech Department under the supervision of Sister Mary Hildgarde, R. S. M., portrayed the biblical background of the birth of Christ during the singing of Silent Night, The Cradle Song, Hark In The Darkness, and Ninna Nanna and other carols.

## O. L. C. TO HAVE SORORITY

At a recent meeting members of the faculty voted to establish a chapter of the Kappa Gamma Pi Sorority at the college.

Membership in the Society is open to those students who have graduated from Senior colleges which belong to and whose degrees have been approved by the National Catholic Educational Association and affiliated with Kappa Gamma Pi and to those students whose leadership in extracurricular activities has been outstanding.

The number of candidates from each school is limited to one-tenth of the students receiving baccalaureate degrees. They are to be selected by the college. After registration with the National Officers they will be inducted by the local Chapter. In accordance with a Constitu-

tion adopted in 1939 the Sorority will hold its national convention in the odd number years and regional meetings during those years with even numbers.

The motto of the Sorority is Faith and Service.

### LIGHT OF PEACE

Praying in the glow of the Manger's heavenly light instead of in the flash of bombs and the glare of incendiary fires that are raving Europe, the Catholic college student this year beseeches the Prince of Peace for a return of the world to the Love that calls to man from a Child's innocent heart. This is the spirit at Our Lady of Cincinnati College you see on this page.



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## FIT TO PRINT?

**F**REEDOM of the press, like democracy, freedom of the seas, free speech and academic freedom, becomes just a shibboleth if it is abused. As Americans we never did like taking dictation regarding the way our ships could sail the waves; we look askance at the foreigner who seeks the haven of our shores only to use his new-found free speech to undermine the government.

Thinking Americans quite logically emphasize that freedom does not mean license, that those who enjoy a freedom are in a very definite sense its custodians, and that their abuse of it will lead inevitably to its disappearance. In the realms of academic and press freedom, however, many persons seem to have peculiar ideas, sometimes no principles and frequently an intolerance which is strange in those supposed to love freedom.

Recent months have brought about a quaint transition in the concept of freedom held by some of its most vocal exponents. Whereas, for instance, it used to be the acme of "liberalism" to champion the right of a subversive to gnaw from within, it now has become just as fashionable to recommend a firing squad or the bars. Whereas, in the case of a famous educator, it seemed the fashion to support a faculty that was in many respects pledged to graduate a generation of moronic fellow-travelers, it now is just as fashionable to tell that faculty to conform to what the famous educator conceives to be Americanism.

**A**ND in the realm of press freedom it has been and still is de rigueur to countenance anything that comes off the press, even the bilge that passes for "smart" or "colorful" or "snappy." Designed to tear the last vestige of dignity from woman, most publications of the type we have in mind are said to be read and looked at monthly by one of every two Americans; that means that about 60,000,000 young, middle-aged and old contribute to the smut profit.

Publishers of this mental garbage can be expected to raise the cry of "freedom of the press" whenever persons who realize that man's destiny is not the gutter move against filthy printed matter. Such publishers are like subversives of happy memory who always hasten to wrap themselves in the cloak of the very freedom they tried to zealously

to destroy.

It is the proper use of press freedom to print and circulate products of the type that are said by serious-minded analysts to have contributed greatly to the softening of France's moral fiber? Is a publisher keeping his trust when his wares corrupt immature minds?

These are questions that the National Organization for Decent Literature has considered in the nationwide campaign evoked by the same greed that brought the Legion of Decency to Hollywood's doorstep. Publishers, the NODL contends, have no more right to print filth than an accredited doctor has to administer poison, than an officer of the law has to empty his gun into an inoffensive crowd. The doctor and the policeman conceivably could be less blameless before God; they would kill only bodies.

## CHRISTMAS 1940

**A**MERICANS' thoughts these days should be toward a genuine observance of the Feast of the Nativity, but rank commercialism is trying its best, as usual, to take Christ out of Christmas and to substitute the clink of cash register bells for the sanctuary chimes. If America could be brought to its senses without experiencing the scourge of hellish war that probably will blackout Christmas in most of the civilized world this year, it ought to consider first that it is principally because the Savior has been denied room in the hearts of men that the powers of darkness seem in the ascendancy.

Catholics, who are supposed to understand all this, ought to fall on their knees these nights preceding the Nativity to storm Heaven with prayers for peace, the Peace which the world cannot give. There will be countless thousands of homes in Europe where tears of grief and sorrow will be shed at empty tables with no father to preside at the traditional feast; there will be many towns, cities and villages where no midnight Masses will be sung because there are no priests, or, worse, because the invader and conqueror has forbidden observance of the Prince of Peace's birthday anniversary.

**I**MPERSONAL newspaper dispatches speak glibly of "legions cut to pieces in the desert," of "hand-to-hand fighting in the mountains," of "a great naval engagement in which the enemy is believed to have lost prestige." Behind these cold reports are terribly tragic stories of thousands of souls thrown into eternity in God knows what condition, stories of agony on the battlefield, stories of searing wounds, death cries; stories of fathers and husbands snatching perhaps at a concealed picture of a mother, a wife and touselled children while death creeps over mangled limbs and shattered bodies.

Think of these shocking crimes being committed on the eve of His feast. Beg Him to have mercy on the dead and dying, tell Him about the starving evacuees who need His nourishment, remember all those in the conflict are your brothers. If you feel futile because you cannot help directly, then pray please for an early peace, but pray.

## THE BLACKFRIARS

**O**UR Lady of Cincinnati College is happy to welcome to the campus the first unit of the Blackfriars' Guild to be formed in this part of Ohio. Though not connected with the college, the Blackfriars' unit decided to center its activities at the school because of the generous invitation of the Religious Sisters of Mercy who have put the new auditorium with its stage facilities at the disposal of the organization.

Students, for varied reasons, are not to be accepted as full-fledged members of the Blackfriars, but, the officers tell us, will be able to participate as associate members in plays and in other essential phases of dramatics, so long as their interest in the Blackfriars is not at the expense of established scholastic organizations. Membership in the Blackfriars is something every student here should cherish. If one cannot act, there are the fields of promotion, research, stage managing or costuming. There is the important field of financial support through ticket selling and buying. But above all the aim of the Blackfriars to stage plays consonant with Catholic moral principles should be the main attraction for students who have been sufficiently warned against Broadway's bilge.

## The A-Men Corner

(Being significant gleanings from local speeches, press reports, etc.)

"All know that ever since this new and terrible war began to convulse Europe, we have left nothing undone which was called for by the responsibility attaching to the office entrusted to us by God or suggested by our paternal love for all peoples. We have done so, not only that by means of a more equitable and just order the conflict which is now alas, lacking among so many nations should be established, but also that all those to whom the fury of the raging conflict has brought hurt and sorrow might have all possible Divine comfort and human aid extended to them.

"But since this cruel struggle, instead of abating, continues to gather violence and our voice, pleading for peace, is drowned in the clash of arms, we turn our minds in trepidation, but yet in confidence, to the Father of Mercies and God of all comfort and implore for the human race times more peaceful from Him who bends wills of men and, by His Divine directions orders the course of events..." — (Pope Pius XII in his *Motu Proprio* issued on October 27, 1940.)

Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia of New York in regard to the distributors of indecent literature—

"They are in it for the money and if you knock them off the newstands, they don't have any distribution. That means no profit — and they'll quit publishing. . . . It's going to be a long hard fight . . . because these publishers are getting together and hiring high-priced lawyers to fight my ban on them in court. . . . Not one of them (indecent magazines) will get back to the stands for 14 months. My term expires then. In the meantime the sewage commission trucks have orders to pick the dirty ones up off the stands any time I say the word."

"America entered the World War to make the world safe for democracy; now she is confronted with the task of saving democracy in America. And that against attacks made on it by her own people, men and women trained in her own schools. Educated in schools from which religion is barred but in which irreligious and atheistic teachers may teach their views with impunity in the guise of evolution, eugenics and ethics, thousands of our college graduates have completely lost faith in themselves and in the individual. They are searching for someone or something in which they can put their faith. They are searching for anything and this is the mentality that favors the rise of the dictator and the overthrow of democracy." — (James A. Farley at the Xavier Centennial banquet.)

"What I see is not a rosy picture. It is a picture that needs hardboiled thinking, and a renaissance of the familial, moral and spiritual forces. The thinking people of the country must find a solution. We should make the role of the parent easier. We should help to preserve those children who are already born. We should encourage a return to familism and the bearing of four children to the average family. We should look to intelligent leadership to encourage a rising birth rate which will help to keep us in the position of a first-rate world power." — (The Cincinnati Enquirer Magazine Section, December 1.)

"It's hard for me to understand why some of these propagandists are allowed to cry down the normal wish of the American people of peace. What is their purpose? They cannot be real Americans, because real Americans think of their own country first. There are certain expatriates — I think you know whom I mean — who are raising their voices in loud accents with the preposterous proposition that America sink her individuality and become a sort of tail-end of a foreign empire. If this is not an example of exalted hysteria I don't know what could be." — William Cardinal O'Connell, in an interview on his 81st birthday.)

"These are the days which call us Americans to thoughts of prayer and repentance. We are building up vast armaments. Our factories are working on extended schedules to provide us with ship, gun, plane, and every conceivable instrument of national defense. But what will these avail us unless we shall also prepare our souls for the evil days that all fear, that soon may dawn? In turning away from sin to put our reliance upon God, we shall find for our country a defense not made by man, but by the arms of the spirit." — (America, December 14.)

## SCISSORS SCRAPS

By Ruth Wetterer

Guard your health these days, with the 'draft' coming on.

Any old cat can be the cat's whiskers, but only a tom cat can be the cat's paw.

—The Tower.

To end all this worry about being drafted (or, you always have two chances):

If you're drafted, you've got two chances. You either stay home, or go overseas. If you stay home, you've got nothing to worry about. If you go across, you have two chances. You either stay in the village or go to the front. If you stay in the village you have nothing to worry about. If you go to the front, you have two chances. You either stay in the trench or go over the top. If you stay in the trench you have nothing to worry about. If you go over the top, you have two chances. You either get shot or

you don't. If you get shot, you have two chances. You either get wounded or killed. If you get wounded, you have nothing to worry about. If you get killed, . . . you still have two chances.

—Newark Evening News.

Then there was the bright student who thought the village store was closed because the sign said "Home Baking."

Dear Old Lady: "Let me hear how far you can count, Percy."

Percy: "One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, Jack, Queen King."

—The Tower.

## SEEN ON FRESHMAN TEST

1. I know it.
2. I know that.
3. I know that, too.
4. I know that one, too.
5. Believe me teacher, I know them all.

—The Centric.

Nobody is as deaf as the one who does not want to hear; nobody is as blind as the one who does not want to see; yet nobody is as dumb as the one who con-

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## ENGLISHMAN TALKS ON WAR

### Arnold Lunn Tells Of Conditions in Homeland

A striking picture of his own life as well as that of the ordinary Briton was described by Arnold Lunn, English author, lecturer, and apologist during a visit to the college last week. Mr. Lunn told of his own home life as it has been affected by the War. He has two sons, twenty-six and nineteen years of age, both fighting for the cause of Britain.

Many air battles have been fought over the Lunn home in suburban London. Since it is but four hundred yards from a railroad station it comes in for its share of bombardment but as the visitor put it "the Germans never manage to come any closer than two hundred yards away."

Considering the aerial war a marvelous and valuable experience, Mr. Lunn did not take advantage of the opportunity to send his young daughter, aged twelve, out of the London area.

In speaking of the length of the war, Mr. Lunn said that he does not believe that it will last as long as the 1914-1918 conflict did. He considers the loss of life below that which might be expected and summed up the British attitude with the statement "We all must die sometime."

Mr. Lunn came to this country on November 4, and plans to remain until February 1, when, conditions permitting, he will return to England. While here he has been on an extensive lecture tour.

## Alumnae Dance Held At Hotel Alms

The annual dance sponsored by the Alumnae of Our Lady of Cincinnati College was held on Saturday, November 30, in the Marie Antoinette ballroom of the Hotel Alms. Chick Mauthe's orchestra provided the music from 10 until 2.

Marie Heinlen, president of the Alumnae Association, was general chairman of the dance.

A number of the students were entertained at a Tea Dance given by the Phi Kappa fraternity of the University of Cincinnati on Sunday, December 8. According to all reports this dance was the best ever given by the fraternity.

The students that attended all agree "it was really all right" and that they "had a smooth time."

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tinually wants to talk.

It was Darius the Persian who said: He that knows not, and knows that he knows not, is simple; teach him.

He that knows not and knows that he knows not, is a fool, avoid him.

He that knows and knows not that he knows, is asleep, awaken him.

But he that knows and knows that he knows, is a wise man; follow him.

—The Beacon.

Did you know there are three men, never born, who are doing business in the United States? Uncle Sam, Santa Claus and Charlie McCarthy.

—Clarke Courtier.

### A PERFECT SILLYGISM

We go to college to improve our faculties.

Our instructors are our faculties.

Therefore we go to college to improve our instructors.

—The Scholastic.

The only reason no woman has ever married the man in the moon is because he only makes a quarter a week, gets full once a month, and stays out all night.

—The Tower.

All education does today is develop the memory at the expense of the imagination.

—Owen Johnson.

If the moral equilibrium of the nation's theater-goers is to be maintained, it is of absolute necessity that the Legion of Decency direct its spring housecleaning to the film capitol before the California dictatorship launches another attack on Christian principles, turning what could easily be a power for good into what it has at times threatened to become — a menace to American morality.

—Fagots

The DAILY NORTHWESTERN tells the story about the Negro evangelist who laid down his rules for effective public speaking: "Fust ah tells 'em what ah'm gonna say. Then ah says it. Then ah tell's 'em what ah done said."

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Bright Latin Student: A sinecure is a disease without a cure. A vacuum is an empty space where the Pope lives.

—The Mercedian.

## Chairman of Yuletide Formal



Margaret Ann Heimann

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## CAMPUS CASUALS

BY M. A. HEIMANN

Dash, dot, dash, b-r-r-r-r, w-h-i-r-r-r-r, flash, dot, dash! No, the Christmas rush is not accountable for another mental crack-up, it's not the cold, nor is it Winchell's message flashing across the wave lengths. That noise you hear is Dame Fashion — she's at it again and this time is dictating what wise little maidens will wear the night after Christmas.

It's a difficult message to interpret and pass on to you for it's coded in colored lights, green and silver stuff, mistletoe and holly. This seems to indicate the setting — McAuley Hall resplendent in its Yuletide dress — from which the vision that is (will be) you shall shine forth.

So much for the whimsy (put it down to a bad attack of the Christmas spirit) and down to salient fashion facts. Ruth Wenstrup, so reads our message, will echo the holiday mood in a flame chiffon — full of skirt, but free of back! It's an original design, too, so Jerry has acquired talent and well as — well, as well as ... TALENT.

That FLASH you saw at the top of the page was the good Dame's way of letting us in the know concerning the freshman version of the formal mode. Patsy McDonald has chosen angelic white chiffon from which to fashion a gown destined for immediate success. With it she will wear a Juliet cap — and just a word of senior advice to a freshman: mayhap a sprig of mistletoe strategically placed in the JULIET cap will help find a ROMEO. (There's more sense to this than is apparent to the eye.)

Beverly Haley, announces the Fashion SOS, will arrive in Cincinnati from Toledo for the Yuletide Dance. With her she'll bring (and later wear) a frothy white and silver creation. For those of you who read Mademoiselle, this gown is pictured, in the last issue, though not on Beverly — unfortunately.

Several weeks ago Life Magazine carried an article by John Cudahy, Ambassador to Belgium, vindicating the surrender of the Belgian King Leopold. Whatever good impressions this article may have made on many of its readers was destroyed by the issue of December 16 which contains, among other features of equally questionable calibre, picturizations of some of the high spots (or rather low spots) of the stage play, "Tobacco Road."

## "Fathers' Night" Program Held

More than two hundred persons attended the second annual Fathers' Night held at the college last Wednesday evening. The program was arranged by the Mothers' Club, with Mrs. Frederick Meyer, president of the organization, chairman of the arrangements committee.

"Old Mexico," a movie in color, was shown by Mr. Myrl E. Meyer. It was taken by Mr. Meyer on a recent trip south of the Rio Grande.

The second part of the program was a series of tableaux entitled "The Old Family Album," and was presented by members of the Mothers' Club.

Following the entertainment, the guests were invited to the cafeteria for refreshments.

## Collegians Crusade For Decency in Print

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scholastic press, decided to meet again Jan. 12 to establish a permanent organization and to discuss the suggestion of Robert L. Otto, Edgecliff moderator, for the foundation of an annual prize that would be awarded the Cincinnati college or university student submitting the best short story or drama consistent with Catholic ideals.

### Outline Award Plans

Msgr. Miller encouraged the editors to acquaint students with the NODL through an educational campaign in the student press and to urge students to join their parochial unit of the NODL.

At the January meeting it is planned to approve formation of a permanent organization which will be composed of two representatives from each of the three day schools and two each from Xavier University's Evening Division and the University of Cincinnati Newman Club. Editors of student newspapers in these units probably will be ex-officio members of the executive board.

Though plans for the establishment of the literary prize still are indefinite, the award may be offered this year if it is thought entrants will have sufficient time to submit creditable compositions. Complete details of the award, together with further developments in the student NODL unit, will be carried in The Edgecliff after semester examinations.

The NODL diocesan group is also conducting a poster campaign open to students of all Catholic schools. Information

## PEACE MEET SET FOR FEBRUARY 8

### College Prepares For Important Parley

February 8 has been chosen as the date for the regional meeting of the Student PePace Federation to be held at Our Lady of Cincinnati College. Caroline McKee, head of the peace group at O. L. C. and regional president of the Ohio Valley Conference of the Student Peace Federation, is general chairman. Her various committees will be announced at a later date.

In preparation for the meeting, the O. L. C. unit is promoting serious discussion of the peace problem by giving consideration to the question of the relation of world peace to the United States. At a recent meeting of the group several students gave addresses on various phases of this general topic.

Sister Mary Gertrude, R. S. M., is acting as faculty adviser for the Conference meeting.

## Students Prepare Christmas Baskets

So that some of Cincinnati's needy families may enjoy a happier Christmas season the students are preparing baskets of food to be distributed this week. At noon Thursday each student will place her basket before the crib in the foyer of the Administration Building.

This is a traditional ceremony through which the students dedicate their donations to the Christ Child, who was born in poverty. The entire student body will sing Christmas songs and the members of the French, Spanish and German classes will sing the traditional carols in these foreign languages.

Miss Helen Landfried, president of the Home Mission Society and Miss Helen Eberhard, prefect of the Sodality will arrange the baskets around the crib. Miss Bernice Enneking, as general chairman of the transportation committee, is in charge of the distribution of baskets.

Students have placed their automobiles at the disposal of the committee who will distribute baskets to the needy selected by the Catholic Charities.

about the qualifications for entries can be secured from Father Kuhn at the Chancery, Parkway 1532.

## MERCY HOSPITAL SCHOOL FOR NURSES

HAMILTON, OHIO

Conducted by the Religious Sisters of Mercy  
Affiliated with

Our Lady of Cincinnati College

XAVIER UNIVERSITY AIMS AT DEVELOPING, SIDE BY SIDE, THE MORAL AND INTELLECTUAL FACULTIES OF THE STUDENTS . . . IT MAINTAINS THAT MORALITY MUST BE THE VITAL FORCE SUPPORTING AND ANIMATING THE WHOLE ORGANIC STRUCTURE OF EDUCATION . . . IT IS DEDICATED TO SENDING FORTH INTO THE WORLD MEN OF SOUND JUDGMENT, OF ACUTE AND ROUNDED INTELLECT AND OF UPRIGHT, MANLY CONSCIENCE.

Excerpts from Xavier University Bulletin,  
ON VICTORY PARKWAY

## MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

from

## THE WM. H. FOX COMPANY

Hardware & Paints

Gilbert & Curtis

3505 Reading Rd.

8th & Main Sts.

Peebles Corner

Avondale

Downtown Store

## Christmas Greetings

from a

Friend



## STRING QUARTET PLAYS FOR ASSEMBLY

### Famed Conservatory Group Performs For Students

One of Cincinnati's best known string quartets entertained the students at a general assembly recently with selections from Fritz Kreisler and Schumann. The instrumentalists were the Cincinnati Conservatory String Quartet composed of Helen von Kreisler, first violin; Samuel Boghossian, second violin; Leon Feldman, viola; and Gordon Epperson, violincello.

The quartet has made personal appearances in many large cities and has been on the air in coast-to-coast broadcasts. It was established last year by Mrs. John A. Hoffman and the late Miss Bertha Bauer, who is best known for her development of the Conservatory.

Eugene Goossens, conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, characterizes them as "a distinctive acquisition to American musical life for despite the attraction of youth they possess a maturity of expression far beyond their years."

## SODALISTS HONOR BLESSED MOTHER

Since December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, fell on a Sunday the annual Sodality reception which usually takes place on that day, was held on Friday, December 6. Following the Mass, at which all new students were received into the Sodality, a formal breakfast was given with Helen Eberhart, Prefect, presiding. Following the breakfast a short program was presented by Mary J. Knochel, Dorothy Meader, Peggy Louis and Mary Rita Heskamp.

### Mores Club Sponsors Party in Emery Hall

Members of the Mores Club, composed of former evening division students, held their annual Christmas party last Sunday, in Emery Hall. About 30, including faculty members, attended. After the exchange of gifts, games were played, and refreshments appropriate to the season were served.

Members of the committee on arrangements were Rose Poetker, Helene Groark, Helen Maloney, and Ruth Conlon.

The Mores Club was established six years ago.

## Alumna Wins Scholarship

Miss Ruth Grace, who was graduated from Our Lady of Cincinnati College in 1938 has been granted leave of absence from her duties as Supervisor of Clinics at Mercy Hospital, Hamilton, Ohio.

Miss Grace has been granted a scholarship by the Ohio Department of Health Nursing. In February, 1941, she will enter the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor to continue her studies in Public Health Supervision.

Before entering Our Lady of Cincinnati College Miss Grace studied Nursing at Mercy Hospital, Hamilton.

## Black Friars Organize

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Frank Chinery, coordinator.

Sister Mary Hildegard, R. S. M., head of the O. L. C. dramatic department, has also been active in organizing the unit. She first interested a national officer of the Blackfriars in the possibility of establishing a unit in this area. Later, the Rev. Urban Nagle, O. P., national director-general, came to Cincinnati to address a general meeting of guild enthusiasts, and expressed satisfaction at the progress already made.

He indicated national headquarters would issue a charter to the Cincinnati group as soon as an organization plan had been effected.

### Broadway Told Off

Established primarily to promote Catholic Action across the footlights, the Blackfriars' Guild has units in almost 20 major cities and has attracted wide attention through the high standard of its performances. It seeks to return the drama to its original concept of being a vehicle of worthwhile education of the masses.

In Father Nagle's words, "it points the finger at Broadway and says in effect: 'You have prostituted the theater to rank commercialism and bad taste and the guild proposes to remedy that.'"

The guild is seeking not only interested persons who can act and participate otherwise in staging plays, but subscribers who will be offered reasonably priced season tickets for a series of plays and lectures. Inquirers will be given further information at Woodburn 3770.

## O. L. C. Christmas Requests Keep Santa Very Busy

As St. Nick's assistant No. 51, I have checked up on a few of the students at O. L. C. College and have found that most of them, with the exception of a few, are quite reasonable this year in their Christmas demands.

Betty Jane Monnette wants a pair of rose colored glasses through which she can gaze at the world.

Margaret Mary Winters, once a quite sensible little girl, would like Santa to move Chicago to Cincinnati for the Christmas holidays.

Rosemary Freyer hopes that number 486 will never catch cold in the draft.

Betty Jane Feeley, Frosh Class President, wants a doll to love.

Marie Grant, would like a pair of bedroom slippers that look like Eskimo shoes.

Pat Kelly and Louise Antes want a white teddy bear.

Betty Muehlenkamp wants a man in a tux for the Yuletide Formal.

The Senior Class wants "no Comprehensives."

"Pup" Roettker wants a bone, and her girl friend Mickey Slacke wants a teething ring. These

## SUGAR AND SPICE

"Glamorous Geers" is being very, very mysterious again, this time about her date to the Yuletide Formal . . . we just can't wait.

Santa reports that another item on Mary Adelaide's list is a wheelbarrow. Now where could he have gotten that idea?

According to Betty Kloecker, Byron's biography is expressible in one word . . . just ask her.

It's "love me, love my dog," so Mary Lee calls him "lil' Brod-der" just to simplify things.

Anita Mae has that far away look in her eyes, especially when dancing.

Mary Macke's ambition may not be lofty, but it sounds like fun . . . to play her fiddle in real hill-billy style.

The cure for Michiganitis has been successful enough to keep Agnes in Ohio for Christmas.

Warning to Feeley, Fannon, and Grant — feminine chickens usually grow up to be old hens.

You guess is as good as ours dep't.: Betty Muehlenkamp, please tell us, is it Lou or is it Jack? Will Urbana or Cincinnati occupy Margaret Ann's time during the holidays? Who's winning Mary Jane, U. C. or Xavier? Of course we don't have to guess about Ruth Meyer and Ted.

Pat McDonald perfected a new technique while driving about town—hook him by the bumper of his car and he can't escape.

Audrey, posing for a picture, suffers all for art's sake, or it is Harold's?

What professor reports the conduct of his classes to Santa every afternoon? Be good, children.

Pamela "Virtue Rewarded" Stiles, Michigan's contribution to Edgecliff, has fallen by the wayside — so sad, so young, so soon to go to RACK and ruin!

"This can't go on forever," says Ruth Howe, speaking of the bus and streetcar strike, "but I hope it does because . . . well, because. . ."

girls are getting more "Childish" every year.

Santa will have to go on to Hollywood for Jean Geers, who would like to find Laurence Olivier on her Christmas tree.

Margaret Molitor wants some sweet notes for her trombone to replace the present sour ones.

Mary Louise Saat wants a playmate for Bolivar.

Ruth Weller wants some clean books!

One bright girl, not mentioning any names for fear of the professor, would like a translation of her Church History text.

Elizabeth Rottenburger would like a toy terrier. Helen Weigel wants an airplane route between Hamilton and Cincy.

To be FRANK about Jeanne Hehman, she would like for the Kentucky Street Car strike to go on forever.

Rose Pfeiffer wants shoe trees with leaves on them.

Margaret Ann Heiman wants just to hold on to what she has . . . H-m-m-m!

Mary Lee Ast wants a box seat in the Reds' dugout for the coming season. Peggy Kiernan would like a set of crimpers to encourage her hair to curl.

Mary Rita Heskamp, the Jeanette McDonald of O. L. C., wants a afghan to keep her warm during her 'tween class naps. Mary Adelaide Evers would like to have some new excuses so that she doesn't have to blame her tardiness on her 1940 Chev. . . . Mary Macke wants a new set of memory pegs, the old ones seem a bit worn out, considering the way that Mary is always forgetting things.

Now I guess I'll write a letter to my boss's wife and tell her to have plenty of Sloan's liniment on hand because after her old man has finished carting all these gifts to O. L. C., his back will be as sore as a politician's throat after election day.

## LITERARY GUILD HOLDS SECOND MEETING

The second meeting of the recently formed Literary Guild took place on Monday evening, December 16. Margaret Finn, president, was chairman.

Plans of the Guild include the reading of one book each month so that the book and its author may be freely discussed at the monthly meetings. However, circumstances prevented the carrying out of this plan and discussion was more or less general.

The Guild is supposed to meet

## VISITORS STAGE PARTY AT O. L. C.

### Two Students Entertain With Piano Duet

Members of the Cincinnati Literary and Musical Society returned to Our Lady of Cincinnati College this year to stage their annual Christmas party and tea which was featured by the appearance of two students in a piano duet.

A program of carols, sung by members, was directed by Miss Elizabeth Browning. Mrs. William McKinley Reis, president, asked members to donate food for the society's Christmas fund for needy families. The O. L. C. students who participated were Miss Peggy Louis and Miss Helen M. Philippe, pupils of Miss Frances Loftus of the Music Department.

The program was held Tuesday, Dec. 10, in McAuley Hall, where the organ, installed by Lawrence Maxwell, Cincinnati music lover who originally owned the property, was used by Robert Crone, noted local organist, for part of the program.

## STUDENTS AID IN SOCIAL SERVICE

In order to give those students interested in social service work some practical training along that line, a unit has been formed at O. L. C. to work in conjunction with Catholic Charities.

The group, which numbers close to thirty girls, has been meeting on Saturday morning in the Catholic Charities headquarters in the Fenwick to listen to talks by prominent members of the Charities organization. These talks are designed to prepare them for the time when they will be considered ready to do practical work.

Sister Mary Benigna, R. S. M., was instrumental in securing permission for the establishment of this group.

In addition to this, Rose Pfeiffer and Irma Roettker have joined the Big Sisters and are aiding them in their efforts toward the rehabilitation of delinquent girls.

on the first Monday of each month but conflicting events necessitated its postponement.

Besides Miss Finn, officers include Margaret Voss, vice president; Jean Geers, secretary; Irma Roettker, treasurer; and Caroline McKee, librarian.

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